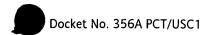




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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)

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This is a request for filing a (X) continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/367,170 filed on August 9, 1999, of:

Inventor(s)

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Title :

Expression of Proteins for Treating Asthma Via Ligand Mediated Activation of Their

Encoding Genes

[X] 53 Sheets of Specification, 2 Sheets of Claims, 1 page Abstract of the Disclosure,

[X] Preliminary Amendment, 1 page

[X] Verified Small Entity Statement, 1 page

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[X] Declaration and Power of Attorney of 09/367,170, 2 pages

[X] Recorded Assignment and Corrected Recorded Assignment of 09/367,170, 9 pages

[X] Copy of a Petition for a Five-month Extension of Time which was filed on March 1, 2002, in the parent application Serial No. 09/367,170, 4 pages

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/367,170 originally filed on August 9, 1999. The prior application is assigned to ARIAD Gene Therapeutics, Inc.

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Preliminary Amendment

Please insert the following on page 1 of the application, after the title and before "Field of the Invention":

-- Related Applications

This application is a continuation application of USSN 09/367,170, filed August 9, 1999, which claims the priority benefit of International Application PCT/US97/22454, filed December 9, 1997, which in turn claims the priority benefit as a continuation in part of USSN 60/032,260, filed December 9, 1996. The full contents of all the foregoing patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference. ---

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PETITION FOR A FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), to and including March 1, 2002, in which to file a Continuation Application in lieu of responding to the Advisory Action in the above identified application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fee of \$980.00 for such extension, and to charge any deficiency and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2315.

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